



to see monkeys and tortoises fighting for grams and channu.³⁰ The monkeys had the audacity to ride on the tortoises and pick up floating grams.

Monday~ 4th February~ 1895

At noon went to Govardhan 13 miles off to see the famous hill which Krishna is said to have raised on his finger to shield the Gopas³¹ from rain. Really there was no hill but only a low rock in the middle of a tank called 'Manasa Ganga'. There is a very poor temple on the rock which they say is a very old one.

Tuesday~ 5th February~ 1895

Spent the whole day in-doors as His Highness did not feel quite well, and yet our kind host had arranged for amusements. A number of men who were celebrating the Holi came singing and dancing to the sound of big drums and cymbals. We next saw a wrestling match. At 10 o'clock at night we went to the station and slept in the reserved carriages which were to take us to Agra next morning.

Wednesday~ 6th February~ 1895

At 6 Seth Lachman Das came to the station to see us off. We reached Agra at 9.30 and were received by Seth Saheb's [+++] and drove to his bungalow on the very brink of the broad Jamuna. In the afternoon visited first the tomb of Etmud-ud-dowlla [Itmad-ud-daulah] with very delicate carving. The Taj the most wonderful building in the world was next visited. There is nothing so grand enchanting [*sic*] as the Taj from the outer gate with the rows of cypresses. Returned home through the cantonment and native town.

Thursday~ 7th February~ 1895

Early in the morning we drove to the [+++] Sikandra Tomb³² five miles from the city. This is the last resting place of the great Akbar and therefore unusually interesting. It is built of red sand-stone inlaid with white marble. In the afternoon we paid a visit to the 'Fort' which contains the marble palaces of the Emperors. The Moti Masjid is the most beautiful in the Fort being entirely of white marble. The Dewani Khas [Diwan-i-Khas]³³ the private bathing places of the Sultans are all admirable. We saw the subterranean cellars which leads to [+++].

Friday~ 8th February~ 1895

In the morning drove to Ram Bagh which belonged [+++] [to] the Mogul Emperors. There is nothing at present worthy of a visit in it. It is on the bank of the Jamuna. The Prince took a few photographs of Etmud-ud-Dowlla [Itmad-ud-daulah]³⁴ which was at the same time being photographed by a party of

